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1950

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Kashgar*, with the English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m. on 16th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on 30th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.
The O. & C. S. Co.'s steamer *Coptic*, the next American mail, left San Francisco at 9th September, and may be looked for here on or about the 7th October.
The P. M. steamer *City of Tokio*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 21st September, and may be expected here on or about the 19th October.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The Union Line steamer *Ossfordshire* left Singapore on the morning of the 22nd, and may be expected to arrive here on the 30th instant.
The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tenaka* left Singapore on the 25th September, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 2nd October.
The Ship Line steamer *Carnarvonshire*, from London, will leave Singapore this afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 5th October.
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Sabah*, leaves Singapore on the afternoon of the 28th September, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 5th October.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.
The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published each day in any Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given above.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Ping-tai*, to-day, the 30th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Shanghai, Penang, to-day, the 30th inst., at 1.30 P.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Fookwang*, to-day, the 30th inst., at 2.30 P.M.
For Hobei, and Pakhoi.—Per *Ging-on*, to-day, the 30th inst., at 5.00 P.M.
For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Pao-long*, on Monday, the 2nd October, at 3.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Sumatra*, on Monday, the 2nd October, at 3.30 P.M.
For Singapore, Mauritius, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town.—Per *Anjer Road*, on Monday, the 2nd October, at 5.00 P.M.

The English Mail packets will sail on the following days:—

	the	17th
Tuesday,	October	"
"	"	Stab
"	November	"
"	"	14th
"	"	23rd

NOTES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing mails, by the British Contract Packet:—
DAY OF DEPARTURE.
COIN.—Money Order Office closes.
10 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and papers ceases.
11 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
12 P.M.—Late letters may be posted with late fees of 10 cents until 10 minutes past midnight.
3 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
4 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fees of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FREIGHT MAIL.
DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.
P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

DAYS OF DEPARTURE.
A.M., Post Office opens.
A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and papers ceases.
A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fees of 10 cents until 10 minutes past midnight.
10 A.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
10 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fees of 10 Cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "AMAZON," will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th Oct., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Bencoolen, Ceylon, Colon, Panama, Colon, France, Portugal, Madeira, Madagascara, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

TELEGRAPHS.
Persons who send Messages of Tea through the Post in Tins are requested to have them fitted so as to insure instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. Letters sent by telegraph must be secured safely in flat tins, which are not so liable to round ones to be bulged in.
By 3-1/2 lbs. tin is suggested as a good size. The tin should not have sharp corners.
Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is opened with sealing wax, but there is no indication of a seal.
Notice of brotherhoods is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a receipt or receipt with them. The omission of either of these precautions is liable to give rise to the contents of the box over-reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letter, per lb. oz.	10 Cents.
Small Parcel, per lb. oz.	8 Cents.
Card, per lb. oz.	8 Cents.
Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 2 oz.	2 Cents.
Magazines & Prices Current, each copy	1 Cent.
Registered Letters, per lb. oz.	15 Cents.
Dolls.	15 Cents.
Commercial papers signify such papers as written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as orders, contracts, bills, &c. The charges are the same as for Books, but all packets of under 2 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.	

LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.
Small Parcels may be sent by Parcel Post to all places between Hongkong and any of the British Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Mexico, India, the Straits Settlements, and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, viz.: length, feet broad, 1 foot deep, which means as follows, i.e., not be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they contain any papers, may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General, or for the purpose of India's declaration of contents and seals is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels in India is compulsory.

No responsibility can be accepted in this Department for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries, the notices addressed to subordinate officers. The results told off its staff stations should occasionally be made known to the public, and it is possible that the Postal Guide alone is the standard on points on which such information may be desired.

NOTICES FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILINGS.
When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not noted as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to put the letters in the ordinary way, marked "U.S." in the top right-hand corner, and to enclose half-cent as usual. The Post Office thus undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is not necessary to pay postage on letters sent by post one day before the date fixed for sailing.

